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SUBJ: ECE-COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

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1. MISSION RAISED QUESTION OF HERRINGER PARTICIPATION IN MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING IN GENERAL, PRELIMINARY MANNER WITH REINER (SECRETARIAT). NO REQUEST WAS MADE NOR COMMITMENT THAT HERRINGER WOULD PARTICIPATE PENDING RECEIPT SEPTTEL REFERRED TO IN PARA. 3 REFTTEL.

2. REINER POINTED OUT THAT OPENING SESSION NOT LIKELY TO GET UNDERWAY UNTIL 10:45 AND WILL BE DEVOTED TO ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND PRINCIPAL STATEMENTS BY ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK AND SECRETARY-GENERAL PENALOSA OF CONFEX. DISCUSSION OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION ON SEMINAR SCHEDULED TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER ITEM 12 ON SEPTEMBER 12.

3. REINER SAYS IT WOULD BE MOST UNUSUAL AND AWKWARD FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE SEMINAR TO BE MADE PRIOR TO STANOVNIK AND PENALOSA STATEMENTS AND THAT THIS MIGHT ONLY BE POSSIBLE AT THE END OF THE MEETING WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE HERRINGER 1:00 PM PLAND CONNECTION TO ZURICH. HE ALSO CAUTIONED THAT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM COULD CREAT ADVERSE REACTION IN THE COMMITTEE

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SINCE THE PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE NEXT YEAR SHOULD BE

CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE WITHOUT THE APPEARANCE OF SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ANY SINGLE ASPECT. HE ALSO AGAIN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SEMINAR COULD BE HELD LATER THAN APRIL (GENEVA 5185).

4. REINER WISHES TO EXTEND INVITATION TO HEAD OF US DELEGATION TO INFORMAL COORDINATING LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 9 AND WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP IF THIS AGREEABLE. HE ALSO WOULD BE AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 8 IF U. S. DESIRES CONTACT PRIOR TO MEETING (TELEPHONE 47-85-32).
COMMENT: ALTHOUGH REINER TENDS TO BE CAUTIOUS AND MINDFUL OF PROTOCOL, BELIEVE HIS WISHES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. ON THE OTHER HAND, MISSION WARMLY WELCOMES HERRINGER VISIT AND PARTICIPATION IN MEETING OF HBP AND MOST APPRECIATE OF DOT OFFER TO HOST 1976 SEMINAR. WE WOULD BE PREPARED, THEREFORE, TO MAKE SPECIAL REQUEST TO STANOVNIK IF NECESSARY TO PERMIT HERRINGER TO ADDRESS OPENING SESSION. REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE. DALE

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